

St. Charles Parish



“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	St. Charles	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	11.4%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	14.4%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	5.2%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$8,675	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	94.5%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	4.3%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	7.6	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	87.1%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	76.7%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	8.9%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	13.6%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	NA	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	449.3	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	187.2	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	4*	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	175.6	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	159.0	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	45.4	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	41.3	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	16.7	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	1.1	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 3	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	27.8%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI>30 (adults 20+)	31.4%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	75.7%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	85.1%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	73.9%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United States, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EMS/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

Created on March 31, 1807, St. Charles is one of the oldest settlements in the state. When John Law's colonists, Germans from the Alsace-Lorraine region, failed in Arkansas, some were persuaded to settle on granted lands in what is now St. Charles Parish, later referred to as the "German Coast." Bayou des Allemands is a reminder today of John Law's great colonization scheme. The German population soon mixed with French settlers from New Orleans. Hahnville was named for Gov. Michael Hahn, who lived in the parish after the Civil War.



Confederate General Richard Taylor was also a resident.

Laced by swamps, bayous and lakes, and bisected by the Mississippi River, St. Charles Parish is a natural or water sports of any kind, from fishing to water skiing to boat riding. Seafood is a mainstay at parish fairs and festivals, including the Louisiana Catfish Festival in Des Allemands, Boutte's Alligator Festival and the Destrehan Plantation Fall Festival. Visitors get a taste of what southern Louisiana is all about. Cajun bands set feet a-dancing, and frequent demonstrations provide insight into the history of the area.

Parish Seat³Hahnville

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

- Destrehan
- St. Rose
- Luling

Parish Population⁴

2000.....	48,072
2003 (estimate)	49,353
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	72.4%
African-American	25.2%
Some other race.....	2.4%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race)	2.8%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years	7.3%
5-14	17.4%
15-17	5.6%
18-19	2.8%
20-24	5.5%
25-64	52.4%
65 & over	9.0%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation	21ft.
Land area in square miles	284
Water area in square miles	126.5

Climate

Average temperatures

Annual	68°
January	60°
July	90°
Annual average rainfall	60 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

St. Charles Parish

Civilian.....	23,110
Employed	22,026
Unemployed.....	1,084
Unemployment.....	4.7%

Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

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| ▪ Delgado Community College | ▪ Southern University and A&M |
| ▪ Dillard University | College of New Orleans |
| ▪ Louisiana State University Medical Center | ▪ Tulane University |
| ▪ Loyola University | ▪ University of New Orleans |
| ▪ Notre Dame Seminary School of Theology | ▪ Xavier University |
| ▪ Our Lady of Holy Cross College | ▪ Nicholls State University |
| | ▪ Southeastern Louisiana |

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5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>
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